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RE: *U.S. Patent Application No. 10/771,644 entitled "APPARATUSES AND METHODS USEFUL FOR CENTERING WATERCRAFT" – Curtis W. Brown*  
*Our reference: BRWN:001US*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and references A1-A28 and C1-C7.

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Curtis W. Brown

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